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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There has been, and continues to be, a significant expansion in the volume of personal property sold through pawnbrokers, auction services, consignment sellers, and other resellers; and

WHEREAS, There has been, and continues to be, a similar increase in the volume of stolen personal property sold through pawnbrokers, auction services, consignment sellers, and other resellers; and

WHEREAS, Access by law enforcement to sales-related information generated by pawnbrokers, auction services, consignment sellers, and other resellers has always been an important tool in combating burglary, robbery, theft, and other crimes directed at personal property; and

WHEREAS, Recent advances in electronic data collection and compilation have greatly simplified both the reporting of sales-related information by pawnbrokers, auction services, consignment sellers, and other resellers; and

WHEREAS, These same advances have created opportunities for law enforcement to access sales-related information at increasingly shorter intervals after the date of sale; and

1 WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies, pawnbrokers, auction
2 services, consignment sellers, resellers, and information
3 technology-related businesses in several states have created
4 differing systems to provide law enforcement with timely access
5 to sales-related information; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the
8 Re-Sellers' Electronic Reporting Task Force, consisting of 17
9 members appointed as follows:

10 (1) two members of the Senate, one member appointed by
11 the President of the Senate, and one member appointed by
12 the Minority Leader of the Senate; the member appointed by
13 the President of the Senate shall serve as chair of the
14 Task Force;

15 (2) three members appointed by the Governor; and

16 (3) twelve members who are not members of the General
17 Assembly appointed by the chair of the Task Force
18 representing a range of interests, including: law
19 enforcement, pawnbrokers, consignment sellers,
20 auctioneers, insurance companies, and the general public;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That all members shall serve without
23 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and

1 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the various
4 systems, technologies, and methods of operation for providing
5 law enforcement with timely access to information relating to
6 the sales of personal property by pawnbrokers, auction
7 services, consignment sellers, and other resellers, and shall
8 consult with such law enforcement agencies, pawnbrokers,
9 auction services, consignment sellers, resellers, and other
10 persons or entities as it may deem fit, including, but not
11 limited to, providers of technology and services relating to
12 the collection, compilation, storage, and access to such
13 information; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That on or before December 31, 2009, the Task
15 Force shall report to the General Assembly concerning its
16 recommendations regarding the systems and technologies,
17 together with their usage and potential funding mechanisms and
18 sources, to be implemented to create a state-wide system for
19 the collection of nation-wide sales-related information by
20 pawnbrokers, auction services, consignment sellers, and other
21 resellers, and for the compilation, storage and timely access
22 to such information by law enforcement and shall include
23 proposed legislation to implement its recommendations, if
24 needed; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That upon issuing its report, the Task Force
2 shall be dissolved.